

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS

1. A safety system for a boat having motor driving propeller including an element movable between a latched and an unlatched portion for gaining access to the boat, and an ignition circuit for the motor,

comprising:

a. a switch in series in the ignition circuit normally in closed position, said switch being opened when the movable element opened to the unlatched position, said switch interrupting the ignition circuit;

b. an override device for said switch, said override device including first connector means and second connector means, said first and second connector means normally being mechanically electrically connected by manual mating to activate said switch associated with said movable element to permit the ignition circuit to start the motor, said first and second connector means further permitting the ignition circuit to start the motor when said first and second connectors are mechanically and electrically disconnected, by interrupting said manual mating and are mechanically and electrically configured to complete the ignition circuit without said operation of switch.

2. The safety system of claim 1 in which additionally comprises a relay, said first and second connector, being normally mechanically and electrically linked to said switch and said first and second connector means.

3. The safety system of claim 1 in which said first connector means comprises a first connector element and said second connector means comprises a second connector element, said first and second connector elements being electrically linked to one another only when said first and second connector elements are mechanically linked to each other.

a 4. The safety system of claim 3 in which (said first and second connector ~~element~~ means further comprises a third connector element and a fourth connector element, respectively, said third connector element being electrically and mechanically linked to said fourth connector element only when said first and second connector elements are electrically and mechanically linked to each other to permit the operation of said switch in the ignition circuit.

5. The safety system of claim 1 in which said movable element is a gate.

6. The safety system of claim 1 in which said movable element is a ladder.

7. The safety system of claim 1 in which said override device further includes a housing for said first and second connector means.

8. The safety system of claim 7 in which additionally comprises a relay, said first and second connector being normally mechanically and electrically linked to said switch and said first ~~and second connector means.~~

9. The safety system of claim 7 in which said first connector means comprises a first connector element and said second connector means comprises a second connector element, said first and second connector elements being electrically linked to one another only when said first and second connector elements are mechanically linked to each other.

a 10. The safety system of claim 9 in which said first and second connector ~~element~~ means further comprises a third connector element and a fourth connector element, respectively, said third connector element being electrically and mechanically linked to said fourth connector element only when said first and second connector elements are electrically and mechanically linked to each other to permit the operation of said switch in the ignition circuit.

11. The safety system of claim 7 in which said movable element is a gate.

12. The safety system of claim 7 in which said movable element is a ladder.